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## Hands Off Hooters, Libertarians Tell EEOC

WASHINGTON, DC -- Don't put the squeeze on Hooters, says the Libertarian Party.

"The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should keep their bureaucratic hands off Hooters," quipped Steve Dasbach, Chairman of America's third largest political party.

Dasbach was reacting to the EEOC's allegations that Hooters -- the restaurant chain famous for its provocative waitresses clad in orange hot pants and tight tank tops -- engaged in sexual discrimination by not hiring men as Hooters Girls. The EEOC has demanded that Hooters pay \$22 million in back wages to men who were not hired.

"It's a tempest in a D-cup," scoffed Dasbach. "This is political harassment from Washington bureaucrats who apparently can't tell the difference between men and women.

"And the EEOC's logic is as flimsy as a Hooters Girl's outfit. In a free market system, customers vote with their dollars. The fact that Hooters is the fastest-growing restaurant company in America suggests their management is making the right business decisions about who to hire -- and who not to hire.

"Yes, it's easy to make jokes about this," Dasbach said. "But there are serious issues at stake. These out-of-control Washington bureaucrats have the power to harass and destroy a company at their whim. This kind of government abuse must end."

Dasbach noted, "The Libertarian Party believes that a business should have the right to hire whomever they think is best qualified for a job -- man or woman -- without permission from some government bureaucrat."

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